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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 30, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: